

LOCAL.

Advertisements must be handed in by Tuesday night to secure insertion in the same week's issue of the Argus.

Our Reporter on the Alert.

Bolton & McRae received another cargo of brick for their new block, on Friday last.

About half-past two o'clock on Sunday there was an alarm of fire, caused by the burning of the woods on the north side of the river, but the wind changing, drove the flames from the city, and the engine, which had been brought out for action, was returned without doing any service. Better so than otherwise.

Fulton Bundy, who has been a resident of this place for some time, left town on Tuesday evening, for his former abode—Andover, N. Y.

Prof. Brockway will leave town next week.

On Sunday McDonald saw a man who had been imbibing too freely in "rip-gizzard," trying to light his pipe with matches, at the north side of Mr. Mc's building, on the corner of Second and River streets, and fearing something might happen, sat down by the fellow's side and soon saw smoke issuing from some rubbish under the steps, where a match had been dropped by the half-drunken man. One puff of water sufficed to make things safe.

A cargo of brick for Reed Richardson's house arrived here last week.

Jenny & Harrington presented the Alpena Fire Company with \$50 on Saturday last.

Jas. Plenkert, of Ossineke, brought the body of a small child to this city last Friday, for burial, which was interred in the Catholic Cemetery on Saturday.

The citizens are indignant, firemen especially, because Mr. Lockwood did not "shut down" his mill on Saturday, when the Fire Company were trying to put out the fire in his slab pile.

On Saturday last, a horse and cart belonging to Campbell & Potter, and used about the mill at Campbellville, fell into the pit of burning waste, from the mill, and was so badly burned that it was afterward shot.

The express wagons of Bewick, Comstock & Co., and Butterfield & Folkerts were run away with by the "fast" animals attached to them, on Saturday night last. Most of the pieces of the wagons were found.

Mr. L. Simenau, Mayor of East Saginaw, was in this city last Sunday. Julius Myers returned home last Friday, having been east to purchase more new goods.

Edward Vail and wife left town last Friday to visit friends at St. Johns, N. B., where they will spend a few weeks.

Plenty of good reading for all at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, in Myers' building.

Johnson & Bundy's office has been undergoing repairs—being plastered, etc.

The steamer City of Sundusky was beautifully decorated with evergreens while lying at this place, on Sunday.

Two old bachelors, in this city, are desirous of obtaining a young housekeeper.

A dog fight last Monday called quite a crowd together on Second street.

A. F. Fletcher & Co., presented the Fire Company with \$25 on Monday last.

Thirty cases of Brandy, Hennessy, Jule Robins and other brands; also Scotch Ale and London Porter just received at Bolton & McRae's.

Mr. J. W. Hall, a carpenter, received a severe cut in the left hand on Thursday last. The wound was dressed by Dr. Wilkinson, and is now doing well.

Dr. Roe lost his fish pole on Monday, which was speedily recovered.

The new uniforms and six hundred feet of new hose for the fire department, arrived last Monday.

When an officer of the peace gets into a fight, and receives a sound thrashing, all we have to say is it served him right.

A refreshing rain, the first in four weeks, fell on Monday night. Another shower yesterday.

The attention of the public is called to our new advertisements.

The editor of the Pioneer has gone to Cleveland.

Cisterns all full.

Chas. Lester left town Tuesday evening, for New York.

Our city is assuming metropolitan airs, with fires, runaways, dog-fights, etc.

Our river was well filled on Monday, and presented a lively appearance. Two first-class steamers, seven vessels, and fishing crafts too numerous to count. An eastern man, standing on the bridge, could not have believed that such things could be done away up here in the woods if he did not see it.

W. H. Harvey is building a new wagon shop on River street.

Kimball & Co. are building a high fence around their mill, within which they will burn the refuse from the mill, thereby preventing the fire from spreading. A good move.

About 8 o'clock on Tuesday a one-armed man was taken to the lock-up. Cause tangle-leg.

After an absence of two weeks, W. N. Draper, returned to this city on Sunday.

Just as the Galena was about leaving the dock on her last excursion trip, Tuesday evening, a young man named Smith, who had partaken freely of cucumber, created some disturbance on the boat, and the Captain politely set him ashore, which raised Smith's anger to such a pitch that he abused everybody, used very indecent language, and threatened to fight. Had he been a small man with one arm, there would undoubtedly have been five or six officers to pitch on and convey him to the lock-up.

"Kingdom for a horse." "Doe" Kelly, the prize candy package man, left town last evening, for a more genial clime.

Beebe's block has received a coat of paint.

The cornice of Bogg's new hotel has been painted.

The iron pillars for Bolton & McRae's new block have arrived, the foundation is completed, the joist for the first floor are being laid, and bricklayers will commence operations next week.

Prof. Brockway is selling off his household goods, preparatory to leaving town. Those wishing to purchase such goods will do well to call at his house, next to Luce's store.

THANKS.—The firemen would respectfully return their thanks to the citizens, for refreshments furnished them on Saturday last, at the fire, when it was impossible for them to leave.

CAUTION.—When a young man is about to start on a picnic excursion, and wishes to take a musical instrument with him, for the benefit of the party, he will find it to his advantage to examine the box before leaving, and ascertain its contents.

DEPARTED.—Christina Imogen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Seaman, reported in our last week's issue as being very sick, died of scarlet fever about half past two o'clock on Friday morning last, after a short but painful illness, in the eight year of her age.

God grant us this, we ask no more, That now she's left this world of sin, She'll wing her way to that bright shore, And find the door of Heaven again.

SET TO.—On Saturday night last, while "Doe" Kelly, the Prize Candy man, was selling his packages on the corner of Second and Water streets, two boys got into trouble. High words ensued, and some sparring and hair pulling was done, when one getting the better of the other, rolled him over in the saw dust. He was soon on his feet again, however, and all was quiet once more.

ENLARGED.—The Pontiac Bill Poster, of last week, comes to us enlarged to an eight column paper, and greatly improved in typographical appearance. The Bill Poster was started in January, 1868, by W. P. Nisbett, as a monthly, and was about one-fourth the size of the ARGUS. Since its first appearance it has been enlarged several times, and in July, 1869, became a weekly, then being published by Nisbett & Viall. It has fought hard for the right, and condemned the wrong ever since its existence, and is now one of the best independent sheets published in Michigan.

The following we clip from the Detroit Free Press:

"MORE OF THEM.—The prize package swindlers, so numerous here two weeks ago, have left the field only to be followed by another set of these cormorants, who are, if possible, greater swindlers than the first. Their packages contain but two ounces of candy, worth at wholesale not over four cents, and the prizes are so scarce that the greenhorns deplete their pocket-books in securing a solitary silver coin."

We have also had a visit from one of these prize package men, and we are of the opinion that he took more money from the people of this place than he gives in a dozen towns of its size. True, some prizes were drawn, but not enough to make Alpena any richer.

PERSONAL.—Andy McLane, the popular steward and clerk of the Fraser House, Bay City, and whose name as a host is a recommendation for any house or matter he may be connected with, has rented the Burrell House, Alpena, and will shortly open it to the traveling public. That Andy knows how to keep a hotel is already a fixed

fact, and we bespeak for him a success in his location equalled only by his anticipations. And yet we are sorry to lose Andy's genial face in the Valley, for he is one of the most useful men we have ever yet met. Of versatile talent, fitting him to undertake and succeed in almost any branch he undertakes, his career as clerk and employe has been one of more profit to his employer than to himself. As a public man, a sound mathematician, clear-headed in figures, and in a political economy; an A 1 with a star (copper fastened) fireman. The good people of Alpena will find Mr. McLane a man worth cultivating, and a citizen with whom, and his estimable lady, they will be loath to part. Success to them in their new home.—Saginaw Courier.

THE FOURTH.

The Fourth opened here rather lively, on the evening of the 3d, with a dance in Beebe's Hall, several fights in the street, the dispensing of "slippery slick," black eyes, etc. A very heavy rain fell during the night, and continued till about 7 o'clock in the morning, when Old Sol shone down upon us in all its glory.

The Stars and Stripes floated to the breeze from every vessel in the harbor and from many places of business, and the city presented a very fine appearance. The streets were thronged and many seemed in good spirits, and gave a hearty welcome to that eventful day.—peace and harmony reigning throughout the entire city.

About 11 o'clock the members of the Fire Company assembled at the Engine House, dressed in their new uniforms. Soon after the roll was called, and thereupon they, preceded by the Alpena Cornet Band, marched up Chisholm street, and halted opposite the residence of the Mayor. The Engine and Hose Cart, gaily decorated with flags and flowers, were drawn up near the spot where the Fire Company stood. Hon. S. L. Carpenter, Mayor, now came forward and, in the name of the citizens of Alpena, turned over the Engine to the Company, accompanying the act with a few brief, but appropriate remarks, which were well received. The Fire Company then marched through the principal streets, headed by the Band, and presented a very fine appearance as was very generally remarked.

The propeller Galena made two excursion trips, giving all those who desired a favorable opportunity to see the upper part of Lake Huron. The Cornet Band furnished the best of music for the excursionists, and everything passed off very pleasantly.

FIRE.

Last Saturday forenoon our citizens were again called upon to turn out and do their utmost to save property from that king of terrors—Fire. The slabs drawn from Lockwood's mill onto grounds near the line between the First and Second Wards, had been fired, and the wind raising, spread the flames toward the river, placing many dwellings and business houses in that vicinity in eminent danger. The fire engine was soon on the spot and at work, and although it was necessary to force the water through over eight hundred feet of hose, and throw the stream directly against the wind, the progress of the flames was soon checked, and the Fire Company returned to the engine house about noon, the firemen being greatly fatigued.

The steamer had been in the house but a short time when a second alarm was given, and the firemen again rushed forward. The wind had blown the fire to the First Ward, and the sawdust being plentiful, the flames were making great headway. But for the timely arrival of the engine many of the residents would have been homeless. At one time it was thought impossible to save the house of a Mrs. Nicholson from the raging flames; but after three hours hard work it was considered safe enough to leave, and throw the water in another quarter, and thus stop the flames from spreading further.

About five o'clock the Company returned to the engine house, having checked the spreading fire, which was now under perfect submission.

The firemen worked well, and were perfectly willing to retire from the scene.

News Items.

The colony of Swedes in Aroostook county, Maine, is declared to be a great success. There are now 630 Swedes there, who were brought over through the exertions of the State immigration agent, and 1,000 more are expected.

The committee of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, charged with examining into the alleged merits of eundarango, the new cancer cure, have reported that their investigations have convinced them of its utter worthlessness.

A gentleman in Paris, Mo., had a

fine grass-field so completely winter killed that no crop was expected this season. When strawberry time came, however, his children looked the field over, and picked from it daily from \$6 to \$8 worth of berries.

The people of Cincinnati who love beer, and cannot take a joke, but literally construe every law or command, are alarmed lest the Mayor's order to stop the movement of beer on wheels during Sundays, means to deprive them of the privileges of the horse cars.

Johnson, of Cleveland, owed Ludwig \$110 for groceries, and Mellen, agent, undertook to collect it. This he did by getting into Johnson's buggy while the latter went into a saloon to get a drink, and driving the rig to a justice, where he got out an attachment on it. Johnson paid.

Seventy-five years linger lightly upon the head of an anxious Bostonian, who is seeking for a young wife, upon whom he offers to settle \$20,000. He specifies that she must be a native of the town. Curiously enough he has so far looked in vain for one thus willing to be held by a golden chain.

Two Memphis editors have been calling each other hard names, and now both of them have their meals brought to them in their sanctums, for fear that if they go out to lunch, they may meet each other. When they are obliged to go out for a drink, they are disguised so that no one will know them.

The Boston News says there are over 2,000 persons and firms in that city engaged in business as innkeepers and victuallers without license from the city as required. All the first class hotels are included. There is no tax for these licenses (the object being to obtain a record of them), but the penalty is \$100 in each case.

A grocer in Woonsocket, who keeps a store cut, found her one morning last week, with three kittens and a young rat in a barrel, the latter apparently two or three weeks old. The kittens were removed, but the rat remained with the rat until they were restored to her, and she continues to take equal care of them. The rat has his eyes open, and the result is watched for with some interest.

A silex mine, in Lantern Hill, Mystic, Conn., has been in active operation for nearly a year, and it is now making profitable returns. The finest of the silex brings \$40 a ton. The two mills of the company turn out an average daily product of 20 tons. Nine heavy teams are employed in carting it to Mystic Ridge, where three coopers find occupation in setting up barrels to transport it in. It is principally sold to glass manufacturers, but the coarser grades are used for the manufacture of sand soaps.

The village of Greenbush, L. I., is in trouble. The ex-clerk will not give up the village archives. The ex-trustees have carted away for private use the stone designed for a new town hall. The pound-master has plowed up the pound lot and sowed a crop of potatoes. The village president is using the steam fire engine to run a fountain in his dooryard. The village clock has been turned into a windmill, and the new board of trustees, refusing to grant licenses, have started a co-operative lager beer saloon for their own individual aggrandizement.

A live whale, 25 feet long, is said to be on exhibition in the towns along the East Shore.

An Indian chief living near Isabella City, was frightfully stabbed the other day by one of his own men.

The amount of wool purchased by one firm in Grand Rapids, this season, will not fall short of 310,000 pounds.

Mr. W. W. Woolnough, formerly of the Marshall Statesman, has taken charge of the Battle Creek Tribune, as editor.

The contract for building the new barn at the State Agricultural College has been awarded to Henry Mason, of Lansing, at \$1,800.

The Lansing House Well, in Lansing, is down 395 feet. The last 25 feet has been bored through blue sandstone, and the depth bored each day is from four to eight feet.

The wife of a Mason landlord recently separated from her husband.—Supposed cause, jealousy. He saw her off at the cars, gave her \$500 and bade her God speed.

A piece of elk's horn, dug up in a swamp on the farm of Wm. D. Miller, in Watertown, Clinton county, has been presented to the Agricultural College for the museum. It is a fine specimen, four feet two inches in length.

The Grand Rapids Times says: E. B. Tolcott & Co., of Chicago, have just closed a contract with the Continental Improvement Company to grade and prepare for the iron, the line of the road from the present terminus to Manistee river, a distance of 60 miles from Paris. The entire work is to be completed one year from 1871.

Dayton, Ohio, people are not entirely happy with the thermometer at 92 in the shade, and mad dogs in the vicinity.

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